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SUBJECT: INTERCAMBIO INTERNATIONAL BANCARIO S.A.

4 DELFON STREET, ATHENS

DEPT PASS COMMERCE TREASURY JUSTICE AND SEC

EMBASSY IN RECEIPT VARIOUS TELEX MESSAGES FROM JOHN C.

TREADAWAY RT 4 BOX 781 A, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, TEL. 602 849 1468,

TELEX 668307. TREADWAY APPEARS TO BE VICTIM OF SWINDLE.

HIS MESSAGES INDICATE HE HOLDS CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

FOR \$1.5 MILLION ISSUED BY SUBJECT FIRM WHICH MATURES

THIS MONTH. HE HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE LOCATE

FIRM OR ITS PRINCIPALS LISTED AS CARL FRIED, WALTER VOSS

AND, GERRIT VAN DER WORT. EMBASSY PASSED FOLLOWING MESSAGE

TO TREADWAY VIA TELEX MARCH 12 QUOTE EMBASSY INVESTIGATION

NOT YET COMPLETED. RESULTS SO FAR AS FOLLOWS: INTERCAMBIO

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ESTABLISHED HERE 1971 AS REGIONAL COMPANY, I.E. UNAUTHORIZED

DO BUSINESS IN GREECE. OFFICES VACATED FOR OVER ONE YEAR.
FORWARDING ADDRESS GIVEN AS: MR. IB. CORTIG, GLOBAL CAPITAL
HOLDING INC., VESTERBROGADE 84, 1620 COPENHAGEN V. DENMARK.
INTERCAMBIO ALSO HAS HAD DEALINGS IN ITALY, WHERE IT WAS
INVESTIGATED BY CAPTAIN THOMAS W. GRAY, JUDGE ADVOCATE,
8 LOGISTICAL COMMAND, U.S. ARMY CAMP DARBY, LIVORNO, ITALY.
ONE SOURCE ALLEGES IT HAD OFFICE IN GRIMALDI, ITALY. CHASE
MANHATTAN STATES IT NEVER HAD BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT WITH
INTERCAMBIO, ALTHOUGH CARL FRIED AT ONE TIME MAINTAINED
SMALL PERSONAL ACCOUNT. CHASE HAS HOWEVER, RECEIVED SEVERAL
INQUIRIES DURING LAST YEAR, MOSTLY FROM N.Y. AND HAS HEARD
THAT INTERCAMBIO NOT AUTHORIZED DO BUSINESS IN PANAMA.
EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS INTERCAMBIO UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION
BY INTERPOL AT REQUEST OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING U.S.
SUGGEST YOU CONTACT LOCAL FBI OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
WILL SEND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS AVAILABLE THRU OFFICIAL
CHANNELS UNQUOTE
THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS ON TO MR. TREADWAY THE
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY EMBASSY:
GENERAL MANAGER OF INTERCAMBIO WAS A MR. WALTER JOHANNES
VOSS, BORN JULY 8, 1930 AT FLESSINGEN, NETHERLANDS. IN
OBTAINING PL-89 (REGIONAL COMPANY) LICENSE IN ATHENS, VOSS
CLAIMED INTERCAMBIO HAD OFFICES AT SAN REMO, GENEVA,
PARIS, AND FRANKFURT. ACCORDING TO GREEK INTERPOL OFFICE,
BOTH VOSS AND VAN DER WORT CHARGED IN EMBEZZLEMENT OF 6
MILLION FLORINS IN BRUGES, BELGIUM IN 1968. INASMUCH AS NO
COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST INTERCAMBIO FROM WITHIN GREECE,
ROLE OF GREEK POLICE CONFINED TO SUPPORTING REQUESTS FOR
INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE FROM OUTSIDE. IT APPARENT
THAT NO PRINCIPALS OF INTERCAMBIO REMAIN IN GREECE.
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